



City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)

October 19, 2016

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

The City of Tucson Pedestrian Advisory Committee held an “Action” meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Ward 6 Council Office, 3202 East 1st Street, Tucson, AZ 85716

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Introductions

Quorum established. Vanessa called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Wendy moved to approve the last meeting minutes. Steve seconded. All voted in favor.

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Members:

Present	Absent
Davita Mueller Forest Weier John Anderson Emily Yetman Steve Bressler Jeannie Maldonado Vanessa Cascio Wendy Lotze	Maia Ingram Valerie Vinyard David Walker

City of Tucson Staff and Members of the Public present:

TPD

Sgt Allan-TPD, Sgt Molina-TPD, Matthew Faulk-TPD

ADA Transition Plan

Dick Yano-AMEC, Scott Kelley-AMEC, Alice Templeton-Gordley Group, BJ Bartlett-Gordley Group

Public

Collin Forbes, Amy Stabler, Ann Chanecka, Sam Sanford

Melodie Gilbertson, Jodi Taylor, Carment Solis, Seth Chalmers, Vicki Cuscino, Sheryl Santee, Matt Zoll, Maya Abela

3. Call to the Audience & Announcements

6:04pm

Colin Forbes reported crosswalk button not working, it took a week and filming of the malfunction to get it work. He would like equipment repair to be added to the Pedestrian Safety Plan.

Amy Stabler: Mayor and Council passed a resolution to lower the speed limit to 20 mph on Bicycle Boulevards. Wendy wanted to write a letter of appreciation.

Emily: Cyclovia is coming up soon.

Vanessa: Safe Routes to Schools, 51 schools are enrolled. Special Walk this weekend at Tucson and Drexel.

4. Open Data Sharing Event -Tucson Police Department

6:11 pm

Sgt Faulk (matthew.faulk@tucson.gov, 520-419-6752): data sharing event is for public viewing and use. The open data sets are for anyone to use. They could use it to apply for a grant. There are 5 open data sets. This event will look at the last 200 ped collisions and last 200 bicycle collisions. Code for Tucson, Tucson DOT, U of A are all involved in event. Event will also be useful for communication and civic engagement. Data: type, location, road surface, etc. There will be lunch discussions. Afternoon: live polling session, mapping, discussion. Discussions are the most important part of the event. TPD wants community feedback. TPD is looking for policy change. Date: November 5th, 9am to 2pm. Location: U of A GIS.

5. ADA Transition Plan - AMEC

6:35 pm

Dick Yano: project background on ADA. ADA requires jurisdictions to have an ADA Transition Plan. The project started in 2014. Phase 1 is completed. Phase 1 was collecting data. They are now in phase 2: budgeting, prioritization, data qc.

Data collected with LiDAR vehicle producing 3D data. Data extraction id'ed elements: ada ramps, warning strips, landings, push buttons, etc. Compliance Analysis was then carried out.

Priority Ranking system was used to rank compliance. Threshold and heaving were collected. Sidewalks and any data in ROW was collected. Field verification was used if there was heavy vegetation or other obstructions.

AMEC went through a competitive bidding process to get the contract. Dick and Scott have experience in transporation and ADA. Compliance was based on the Proposed ADA standards from 2011 that have not been accepted.

Scott was unclear how weeds would be categorized.

Dick: future and planned projects would be considered in the implementation portion of the plan.

Prioritization Phase is about to begin.

Pedestrian Demand Index by PAG could be incorporated into the Accessibility Index. This could be more detailed or useful than the Census data currently being used.

Davita and Jeannie noted that ¼ mile standard for bus stop on accessibility index is too large a distance. Distance should be much less than ¼ mile.

Benefit Cost Index

Ann Chanecka asked how areas will be aggregated to corridors to prioritize actual projects. Strictly having point data will not be that useful in creating projects.

Jeannie asked if phone calls or complaints are being incorporated into the data collection. Ann stated that some data does exist, but may not be readily accessible or quantifiable. Not all populations may be contacting the city. Davita asked if walking studies are used. Emily stated that the studies are more qualitative, but are not available for all neighborhoods.

Public Outreach

There will be stakeholder meetings, publicity, and an online platform. People can submit the names of people or organizations that should be included. The public meeting will occur next year near the end of the process. Social Pinpoint is an online program to solicit input. It generates hundreds of comments on past projects.

Suggestions are needed on how to use PinPoint and what questions to include. Pinpoint will be implemented in January of next year.

Audience member asked that public outreach include going to where organizations are already meeting.

Sam Sanford: how does this feed back into making decisions?

Next Steps

Budgeting

ADA Transition Plan requirements:

- barriers
- how to remove barriers
- schedule
- name responsible for implementation
- record of public participation

Jeannie: does public input affect decision making? Dick and Alice stated that public input probably won't affect decision making. Public input will be used to identify gaps in ada routes. Public participation fills in gaps where there is no quantitative data.

Sam Sanford: it would be interesting and useful to overlay the LiDAR data with the public input/comments, to see where they match up and do not match up.

Davita: will lack of ROW be included in the analysis? Dick: they will be looking at constraints such as existing buildings.

Emily: how can we support the process? How can we support inclusion and public outreach. Will benchmarks be used to create accountability? Alice: they will use a team approach to approach PAC, wards, and public. The budget limits the scope of involvement and setting bench marks.

Ann: people seem to be voicing concern that public involvement is not reaching expectations.

Audience member: ADA community does not want to be just window dressing. The plan and its wording are offensive, since they seem to be only interested in checking the boxes. Alice: Pinpoint is being developed and these comments will shape its development.

Schedule

Dick: Project should be completed by June.

Audience member: ADA is a part of creating a walkable community. Sidewalks are needed in the city. Why is there such a deficit in sidewalks in Tucson. Jeannie: that the value is people, and things shouldn't be so data driven. People should be asked for input, not have to go to a website to provide input. Audience member: this is supposed to be a public involvement meeting and public should be involved in creating involvement process. Wendy: PAC doesn't want to be brought in after the fact, PAC should be brought in early in the process. Davita: use the technology for involvement, but shouldn't be the only component in involvement, and should be accessible to all users.

Lend a Hand, Pima Council on Aging, Behavioral Health: were suggestions by audience members on organizations to reach out to.

Ann: PAC could invite people from Transportation and City to better understand process to the next agenda.

6. Adjourn

Vanessa moved to adjourn at 7:58pm.